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BOERS HOLD THEIR OWN

In an Engagement With General Brabant's Relief Column.

RENEW THE ATTACK ON DALGETY.

British Relieving Force Reported to Be at Bushman's Kop, Within Twenty Miles of Wepener.

Maseru, Basutoland, April 23.—General Brabant's advance guard reached Bushman's kop Saturday evening. The Boers held a strong position there, with two guns. The engagement opened at sunrise with heavy rifle fire. At 6:30 a. m. cannonading began and continued for several hours. General Brabant's forces are on the plain and have fairly open country all the way to Wepener.

Four Boer guns were hard at work all day on Colonel Dalgety's position. The British guns have replied at intervals. The Boers are divided into three divisions, two being in positions to repel relief columns, the distant roar of whose artillery is audible.

General Brabant's relief force is reported to be in the neighborhood of Bushman's kop, 20 miles from Wepener. The Basutos are posted on the border for defensive purposes. They are behaving in orderly fashion, but are showing the most intense interest in the outcome of the developments of the next 24 hours.

Colonel Dalgety heliographs: "All well. Boers fired 300 shells without doing much damage."

Cause of Delay.

London, April 23.—The Standard publishes a long dispatch from Bloemfontein explaining the numerous difficulties which tend to delay the advance to Pretoria. The correspondent says: "Enormous transport difficulties are enhanced by the rainy weather and by the necessity of providing for the needs of the army for weeks, perhaps months, in case of an interruption of the long line of communications, together with the unsettled condition of the country in our rear and the guerilla tactics of the enemy. It is obvious that until our flanks are cleared and no longer menaced no forward movement is possible without incurring the gravest risks."

Deceived the English.

London, April 23.—The Lorenzo Marques correspondent of The Times says: "Information received from responsible sources shows that at one time the two republics had 105,000 men in the field, including the colonial rebels. According to the same informant they can still muster 50,000, of whom 50,000 are in the Free State, 10,000 are in the Biggarsberg district and 15,000 in the districts of Fourteen Streams and Klokksdorp. It is believed that before the war the burghers' lists were deliberately falsified in order to deceive the British intelligence department."

Can Render No Service.

Berlin, April 23.—The semi-official Berliner Post publishes an inspired article in which it is stated that the sentiment regarding the Boers still remains friendly throughout Germany, but that the government sees no reason why the Boer peace delegation should come to Berlin, since no good could be obtained from such a visit. Germany being unable to render the slightest service either in friendly offices to both sides or in intermediation, so long as Great Britain remains determined to reject both.

Boers Active.

London, April 23.—A dispatch to The Times from Jammersburg says: "The Boers are displaying renewed activity. Five guns were used freely from four different positions against ours. A rifle-firing south and west was heavy and continuous. Officers and men are on duty day and night in the trenches, and the heavy rains of late have made their task a great feat of endurance and pluck."

Fighting Near DeWets Dorp.

Walkerstroom, Saturday, April 21.—Fighting was continued, mainly with artillery. The yeomanry and mounted infantry pushed forward on the right flank, and were subjected to shelling and a heavy rifle fire. The Royal Irish rifles captured a Free State flag. The Boers are well entrenched and hold their ground tenaciously. The British casualties have been light.

Thrifty Free Staters.

Kimberley, April 23.—A letter from Bloemfontein says that the Free Staters are coining money out of the British occupation. Bread is 2 shillings a loaf, sugar 2 shillings and 6 pence per pound and Swiss milk 3 shillings a tin. Other articles are proportionately high.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

After Killing His Wife and Wounding a Young Woman.

Syracuse, April 23.—John Hughes, 60, shot and killed his wife, Hannah Hughes, and seriously wounded Elizabeth Lyons, 16, as the women were leaving St. Vincent de Paul's church. He then went to the house of a friend a mile distant and attempted to commit suicide by stabbing himself near the breast with a pair of shears. He was found there by the police and arrested. He and Mrs. Hughes were married about a year ago, but their married life was unhappy and they separated six months ago. Since then Hughes has lived at a friend's house, Mrs. Hughes remaining with her daughter.

Were Given Extra Pay.

Washington, April 23.—Secretary Root made a brief statement at the war department in reference to the charge that extravagant allotments had been made to the principal army officers in service in Cuba for the maintenance of their establishments out of the revenues of the island. He said that about a year ago, before he came into office, representations were made that it was impossible for army officers to live on their salaries in Cuba. Secretary Root said that allotments out of the revenues were made at that time in accordance with the attorney general's opinion, and they have since been continued. In response to a direct inquiry, he said that allotments for extra expenses had been made to four officers, namely, the military governor of the island, the military governor of the city of Havana, the collector of the port of Havana and the treasurer of the island.

View of a Spanish Editor.

City of Mexico, April 23.—Correo Espanol, the organ of the resident Spaniards, says: "The insult offered to the Duke D'Arcos in the matter of the celebration of Manila day at Chicago was deliberate and intentional, although Mayor Harrison was doubtless not guilty in this matter, but some individual took it upon himself to insult the representative of the Spanish nation. The mayor naturally got out of the affair in a manner obligingly suggested by the minister, and the incident is at an end. But if this is true in a diplomatic sense, it will not be easy to forget for a long time so great an act of rudeness, which we repeat is quite in consonance with Yankee usages and customs, as the Duke of Veragua and the Infanta Dona Eulalie can testify."

Gold and Silver Produced.

San Francisco, April 23.—The superintendent of the United States mint, at San Francisco, has forwarded to the director of the mint at Washington a report showing that the gold and silver product of California for the calendar year 1899 amounted to \$15,840,043, of which \$15,336,031 was gold and \$504,012 silver. The silver is given its commercial value, its coinage value being \$1,106,578. The receipts at mint's assay offices, private refineries and smelters for the calendar year 1899 from the Northwest territory (the Klondike) were \$15,936,627 gold and \$267,390 silver, a total of \$16,254,107. This is an increase over last year of \$5,028,098.

Admits His Identity.

Kansas City, April 23.—"Jim" Redmond, alias Mike Seville, arrested in Manila, two months ago on a charge of having murdered Emma Schumacher here in 1897, and who was brought here from San Francisco, admits his identity, but denies complicity in the murder. "Jack" Kennedy, a notorious train robber, now serving a term in the Missouri penitentiary, and Redmond were indicted for the crime. Redmond has been chased all over the country. He served through the Cuban war with the "Rough Riders," and was a member of the Sixth artillery in the Philippines when arrested.

Taylor Goes to New York.

Washington, April 23.—Republican Governor W. S. Taylor of Kentucky, who has been in Washington for some time past preparing the papers in his appeal to the supreme court, has gone to New York. He will return to Washington about the middle of next week. The friends of Governor Taylor say they have no information as to the indictment alleged to have been found against him in Kentucky. They say, however, if he has been indicted he will return to Kentucky as soon as the supreme court hears the case, and will meet all charges without hesitation.

Killed in a Drunken Row.

Chillicothe, O., April 23.—James Stewart, a veterinary surgeon, who lived at Londonderry, this county, was found dead in a street on the east side of this city with his head bruised. George Poe was arrested and confessed that he struck Stewart with a stone in a drunken row and killed him.

INSURGENTS WORSTED

Filipinos Again Take the Field in the Island of Luzon.

BLOODIEST FIGHTING OF THE WAR.

Over a Thousand of the Natives Killed, Captured and Wounded in the Several Engagements.

Manilla April 23.—Last week was one of the bloodiest of the war since the first day's fighting around Manilla. Authentic reports, mostly official, show a total of 378 Filipinos killed, 12 officers and 244 men captured and many more wounded. The number wounded is hardly guessable. Considering that the Filipinos entirely lack hospital facilities, a great majority of the wounded will die. Probably the week's work finished 1,000 insurgents. The American loss was nine killed and 16 wounded. Two sergeants and one private were killed in ambushes while escorting provision trains.

Twenty Filipinos of the province of Batangas attacked Lieutenant Wondel, who, with eight men, was scouting near San Joe. The lieutenant and five men were wounded and one private was killed.

Sergeant Ledous of the Thirty-fifth Infantry was badly wounded in an ambush near Baliuag. Lieutenant Batch of the Thirty-seventh infantry, with 70 men, had a five-hours' fight with 400 insurgents in the Nueva Caceras district. Twenty of the insurgents were killed.

Colonel Smith's command captured 180 officers and men with Montenegro. The officers were brought to Manilla. Montenegro, who was formerly one of the most dapper officers in the Filipino army, looks worn and haggard. He says he had led a terrible life for months, and he has offered to return to the north with Colonel Smith to endeavor to persuade his former comrades of the uselessness of opposing the Americans.

One hundred escaped Spanish prisoners from the province of Tayabas, south Luzon, have arrived at Manilla. The insurgents have 400 more Spaniards in that district.

Grand Jury Still in Session.

Frankfort, Ky., April 23.—While the Franklin county grand jury has not adjourned, it is understood that the investigation of the Goebel assassination has been completed. The indictment against Republican Governor Taylor, charging him with being an accessory to the murder, will be held up till after the argument of the governorship contest case, which is docketed for hearing before the supreme court at Washington, April 30, and it is said by persons in the councils of the prosecution that no such warrant will be issued or other steps taken in the case till after that time. The rumor that Governor Beckham had been applied to for a requisition is without foundation.

Situation Improving.

Meridian, Miss., April 23.—Passenger traffic, by transferring at several bad washouts, has been resumed on the Alabama Great Southern road. The Mobile and Ohio passenger train, waterbound at Quitman for five days and nights, pulled into Meridian at noon. Eighteen hours were consumed in making 20-odd miles. Full traffic on the Mobile and Ohio, Alabama and Vicksburg and New Orleans and Northeastern roads can not be resumed inside of 10 days.

Bryan as a Peacemaker.

Topeka, April 23.—While William J. Bryan is in Wichita next week his good offices will, it is said, be sought to settle the differences existing between the Populists and Democrats in the Sixth and Seventh districts, where fusion is split wide open on account of the attitude of rival nominees for congress. The fusion politicians are very much concerned by the situation in these districts.

To Be Deported.

New York, April 23.—Adelbert Wolceth Bogdamowsky and Anton Rody, alias Anton Koschinowsky, who arrived in this port on the steamship Palatia, will be sent back to their homes when the Palatia next sails. The men admit that they were implicated in a daring burglary in Lemberg, Galicia.

Strikers Quiet.

Croton Landing, N. Y., April 23.—So far as the strikers were concerned Sunday was an exceedingly quiet day in Camp Roosevelt. It was feared there would be trouble because the contractors had paid to the strikers nearly \$30,000 due for wages, but there was not an incident of an exciting nature.

CONGRESSIONAL FORECAST.

Matters That Will Be Considered During the Present Week.

Washington, April 23.—The senate will give considerable attention during the present week to questions of privilege involving three seats in the senate. The resolution declaring Senator Quay not to be entitled to a place in the senate probably will be voted upon at 4 o'clock Tuesday, and in the meantime several speeches will be made upon the resolution. Among those who are expected to speak in Mr. Quay's behalf are Senators Penrose and Chandler, while Senators Platt of Connecticut, Hale and Lindsay probably will speak in opposition to his claims.

After the Quay vote is taken Senator McComas, who as a member of the committee on privileges and elections has had charge of the protest against Senator Scott's continuing to occupy his seat as a senator from West Virginia, will call up the resolution in that senator's behalf for immediate consideration. The prospect is that there will be little or no debate on this resolution, as the report of the committee is in line with the senate precedents.

It is the intention of the committee to ask that the Clark case be taken up as soon as the Quay and Scott cases are disposed of.

It is expected that a vote will be reached on the Alaskan code bill during the week, an agreement having been practically reached to withdraw the contested amendments and otherwise amend the bill so as to extend the provisions of the mining laws of the United States to Alaska.

The Philippine bill will continue to hold its place as "unfinished business" on the calendar, but it is likely to receive comparatively little attention during the week. The army appropriation bill will be taken up as soon as the election cases are disposed of. The fortifications and agricultural appropriations will be reported soon, and these also may be taken up as soon as opportunity permits.

The Hawaiian conference report will be acted upon early in the week.

In the House.

Washington, April 23.—The major portion of the time of the house this week probably will be consumed in the consideration of the postoffice appropriation bill. The bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for the militia of the several states may come up during the week.

Blacks Will Predominate.

Havana, April 23.—The Diario De La Marina, commenting on the Cuban census, says: "The number of inhabitants of the island is about the same as before the uprising. The number of deaths from war and the policy of reconcentration could not have been very large. Moreover, during the last 30 years the black population has increased in about the same proportion as the white, in spite of the fact that the whites have been greatly augmented by immigration. This goes to show that if immigration ceases the blacks will quickly predominate in Cuba."

Crazy From Drink.

Chicago, April 23.—Laboring under the hallucination that his friends had entered a conspiracy to kill him, and crazed with liquor, William Aylward, a fisherman, slashed with a pocket-knife the throat of his old friend and schoolmate, William Larkins, severing the jugular vein and causing Larkins' death within 10 minutes. Then turning upon four other occupants of his fishing shack he lunged at them, cutting Thomas Norris, an 18-year-old boy, in the head, and in his frenzy gashing his own right hand. He surrendered to the police.

He Read Cheap Novels.

Aitchison, Kan., April 23.—In the district court Thomas C. Woerman pleaded guilty to the charge of burning the costly residence of J. C. Fox, a prominent citizen, and was sentenced to serve 18 years in the penitentiary. He admitted the Fox family had been good to him and that he set fire to the house in order to play the part of a hero by rescuing the family and thereby make his employer feel that his kindness had been bestowed worthily. Woerman was a reader of cheap novels.

Well-Known Newspaper Man.

New York, April 23.—Benjamin Northrup, a well known newspaper man, formerly managing editor of The Mail and Express, died of meningitis after an illness of a few weeks. Mr. Northrup was born in Cleveland in June, 1856. His father built the "Northrup block" in that city. His mother was one of the founders of St. Luke's hospital, Cleveland.

Washington, April 23.—The division of customs and insular affairs of the war department states that the total receipts of the Cuban treasury for the month of March, 1900, were \$1,678,669. The receipts for the corresponding month of 1899 amounted to \$963,033.

MEXICO'S PROSPERITY

Great Gains Shown in Revenues and Various Lines of Trade.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS DOUBLED.

Railway Mileage Largely Increased. Bills Against the Government Promptly Paid on Presentation.

City of Mexico, April 23.—Statistics showing great gains in Mexican trade and revenues have been published. In 15 years the gold value of imports has risen from \$23,250,000 annually to \$51,000,000. The exports, which are reckoned on a silver basis, have risen from \$46,725,000 to \$148,000,000. The stamp revenues increased from \$4,774,000 to \$23,250,000. The total federal revenue has risen from \$37,621,000 to \$60,275,000. The federal telegraph lines 15 years ago were 23,693 kilometers in extent, and now number 70,103 kilometers. The railway lines have increased from a total extent of 5,708 kilometers to 12,751, and the construction of new lines is actively progressing. The treasury department now meets every bill as soon as due, and the revenues are steadily increasing.

Specimens of platinum of excellent quality have been received here from placer mines in Sonora.

Large copper deposits have been found near the city of Oaxaca. English capitalists are buying the copper mines.

The rumored sale of the Cecil Rhodes group of mines in Zacualpan district is denied by the London bank, which, according to a report wired from here, was handling the business for Rhodes. The price was put at \$4,000,000 gold, and there are no mines in the district worth that amount. Still it is possible these mines may have been sold to London capitalists.

Boston parties are looking over the field for the introduction of shoe manufacturing on the American plan and establishing tanneries. They estimate that there is a domestic sale here of 15,000,000 pairs of shoes annually. Goat skins and hides amounting to many million dollars are now shipped to the United States, and it is believed that a large and profitable business can be done here in tanning skins and making shoes on a silver basis, not only for Mexico, but for west coast countries in South America. Native capitalists are becoming interested in this project, which bids fair to rival in profits the already established lucrative cotton textile industry. The textile people believe that before long they will be able to ship their goods to South America, as they manufacture on a silver basis.

Bradley Interviewed.

Frankfort, Ky., April 23.—Former Governor W. O. Bradley, leading counsel for Republican Governor Taylor, gave the following authorized interview: "I have had no communication with Governor Taylor since he went to Washington. The press, I notice, states that he is there preparing his case for the supreme court. I am satisfied that this is not true. Governor Taylor went to Washington on purely personal business not connected in any way with the trial of his case. Nor do I believe the report to be true that he is in New York attempting to prevent the honoring of a requisition for his return to this state. As to whether a requisition could be lawfully issued by Mr. Beckham, or would be recognized, it is unnecessary for me to express an opinion, as these are questions that must be determined by the authority upon whom such a requisition may be made. Governor Taylor has publicly declared that he was not and would never be a fugitive from justice, and that if indicted he would respect the law and meet his accusers face to face. Therefore there remains but one course open to him, and that is to return as soon as he can, walk boldly and bravely into court and meet the indictment like a man. Any other course would be rank injustice, not only to himself, but to those friends who have been accused of so foul a crime. I do not know whether an indictment has been found against Governor Taylor, but if it has I have no doubt that he will promptly surrender himself into the hands of the law, and believe that any intimation to the contrary does him an injustice."

Killed by a Bandit.

Eagle Pass, April 23.—News has just reached here of the killing of Jordan L. Cooke at Acatlan, Oaxaca, Mexico. Cooke was in charge of a railroad construction gang at that place and was standing in a group of half a dozen men when a bandit rode up and fired several shots into them, killing young Cooke. His father, who is ex-Sheriff Cooke of Maverick county, Tex., has taken the matter up with the Mexican authorities.